

a.) Amendment to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A reversibly metachromatic ~~toy~~, toy comprising a plurality of laminates, each laminate comprising:

a foamed resin ~~substrate, said substrate~~, said substrate having been expanded from 5 to 40 times and being formed as a ~~plate~~, plate defining front and back sides,

first and second resin layers respectively ~~affixed to~~ covering said front and back sides of the foamed substrate and being affixed thereto, and

a reversibly metachromatic layer provided on at least a portion of one of said first or second resin layers,

wherein each laminate is formed with at least one hole, said laminates being joined together with a fastener through the holes.

2. (Previously Presented) A reversibly metachromatic toy according to claim 1, wherein reversibly metachromatic layers are provided on at least a portion of both said first and second resin layers.

3. (Previously Presented) A reversibly metachromatic toy according to claim 1, wherein said reversibly metachromatic layer comprises a thermochromic layer, a photochromic layer, or a water-metachromatic layer.

4. (Previously Presented) A reversibly metachromatic toy according to claim 3, wherein said resin layer is provided by printing or coating a resin, by printing or coating an ink containing a resin, by adhering a resin film, or by transferring a resin layer from a transfer sheet or film.

5. (Previously Presented) A reversibly metachromatic toy according to claim 1, wherein said first and second resin layers are provided over at least 50% of said front and back sides of said foamed substrate.

6. (Previously Presented) A reversibly metachromatic toy according to any of claims 1-5, wherein said first and second resin layers are provided at mutually opposite positions on said front and back sides of said foamed substrate.

Claim 7 (Cancelled).

8. (New) A reversibly metachromatic toy according to claim 1, wherein said reversibly metachromatic layer comprises at least one of the group consisting of a thermochromic layer, a photochromic layer, and a water-metachromatic layer.